

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In response to the rejection of claims 37 and 38 under 35 USC 112, 2nd para., claims 37 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice. The subject matter of claim 2 has been moved to claim 1 and claim 2 is canceled.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-6, 23 and 29 under 35 USC 102(b) for being anticipated by US4670744 to Buzak, applicant traverses the rejection.

More specifically, Buzak does not disclose "wherein the spacing is different between different adjacent pairs of first and second optical elements" as recited in claim 1. Thus, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claims 3-6 are dependent on claim 1 and thus the rejection of claims 3-6 should be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as for claim 1.

Buzak does not disclose "wherein the spacing is different between different adjacent pairs of first and second optical elements" as recited in claim 23. Claim 29 is dependent on claim 23 and thus it is allowable. Thus, the rejection of claim 29 should be withdrawn.

In response to the objections to the drawings, the specification has been amended above to provided written description.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the

presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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